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ROADWATCH: Week of June 5 - 11

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. Work schedules are always subject to change. New information is noted by "###". VDOT encourages motorists to call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org for real-time traffic information.

INTERSTATE 81

*** INTERSTATE 81 LIGHTING REPAIRS** – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 118 and 119 in Montgomery County. Drivers should expect possible shoulder closures on weeknights.

*** INTERSTATE 81 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work on a paved ditch may cause a shoulder closure along southbound I-81 at mile marker 167 during daytime hours. Work is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 9. In addition, watch for shoulder work along exit ramps at mile marker 109 in Montgomery County.

*** I-81 PAVEMENT REPAIRS & GUARDRAIL UPGRADES** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for repairs and paving on a section of southbound I-81 between mile marker 151 and 156 in Botetourt County. Work will be performed during night time hours between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights. Right shoulder closures may occur during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for guardrail work. Estimated completion is October 2010.

*** INTERSTATE 81 PAVEMENT REPAIRS** – Work to replace sections of pavement on I-81 may cause nighttime lane closures on weeknights between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. in Roanoke County. Right lane closures are planned on northbound I-81 at mile marker 122.6 and ramp closures are planned on southbound I-81 at exit 141. Work is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 7 and Tuesday, June 8.

*** INTERSTATE 81 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** – Work to repair damaged guardrail may cause lane closures during nighttime hours on southbound I-81 at mile marker 106.9 in Montgomery County and at mile marker 143.8 in Botetourt County. Work tentatively planned for Monday, June 7.

*** INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE REPAIR** – A nighttime left lane closure may be in place on northbound I-81 in Pulaski County at mile marker 96 due to bridge repairs. Work is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 9 and Thursday, June 10.

*** MOWING** – Weather permitting, shoulder closures may be in place on northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in the Roanoke and New River valleys. Watch for workers along I-81 in Botetourt, Roanoke, Montgomery and Pulaski counties between mile markers 87 and 174 during both daytime and nighttime hours.

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ROANOKE

* **INTERSTATE 581/ROUTE 220 SWEEPING** – Drivers should watch for mobile lane closures during nighttime hours on northbound and southbound Interstate 581 and Route 220 Expressway due to sweeping. Work is tentatively planned for Wednesday June 9 and Thursday, June 10.

ROANOKE COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER CLOSURE** – Work along Route 220 near the Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) intersection will cause a shoulder closure.

* **ROUTE 311 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work to repair shoulders may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 311 between Route 419 and Route 912 (Absalom Smith Road). Work may be performed on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* **COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Periodic lane closures may be in place at times in the work zone. Estimated completion is August 2010.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews will patch pavement on various routes in Roanoke County. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on the following roads: Route 624 (Newport Road), Route 698 (Keffer Road), Route 785 (Blacksburg Road) and Route 798 (Chickasaw Road).

* **DITCH AND SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will work on shoulders or ditches along various secondary roads. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively planned on Route 727 (Berrybrook Drive).

* **MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow along Route 116. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Crews may also mow along various secondary roads in the Garden City area.

* **ROUTE 1655 UTILITY WORK** – Work on utility lines may cause lane closures on Route 1655 (Overdale Road) during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads in the Bent Mountain area grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

BEDFORD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for paving on a 4.2 mile-section of eastbound Route 460 from Route 690 (Nester Road) to Route 681 (Magnolia Drive) and on a 0.3-mile section of westbound Route 460 starting east of the Route 689 (Irving Road) intersection. Work will be performed during daytime hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is in June.

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* **ROUTE 221 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, the Route 221 bridge over Big Otter Creek will be patched. The bridge is located near the Route 670 (Roaring Run Road) intersection. Work may cause lane closures on Route 221, Monday through Thursday, between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

* **MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow along several primary roads in Bedford County. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours on Route 221, Route 43 and Route 24. Crews may also mow along various secondary roads in the Irving area.

* **ROUTE 665 TRAFFIC SHIFT** – Motorists are advised to expect changing traffic patterns on Route 655 (Diamond Hill Road) at its intersection with Route 122. Work is underway to realign this intersection, and a change in traffic pattern is planned for next week. Starting on Tuesday, June 8, drivers should watch for flaggers and expect possible delays on Route 655 as work will be underway to prepare to shift traffic onto a newly constructed portion of roadway. On Wednesday, June 9, traffic will be shifted off of existing Route 655 onto a new section of roadway at Route 122. Changes are weather permitting.

* **LINE PAINTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will paint lines along Route 24 and Route 43 in Bedford County. Work will be performed during daylight hours on weekdays. Drivers should expect mobile lane closures.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Flaggers may direct traffic on these routes during daylight hours on weekdays due to pavement patching.

- Route 634 (Hardy Road)
- Route 638 (Charlemont Road)
- Route 642 (Jopling Road)
- Route 671 (Timber Ridge Road)
- Route 682 (Kelso Mill Road)
- Route 801 (Stoney Fork Road).

* **ROUTE 644 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work is under way to replace the bridge on Route 644 over Elk Creek. Work will include removing the existing one lane bridge and replacing it with a two lane bridge at a new location. Motorists should watch for temporary lane closures and flaggers at various times. Estimated completion is July 2011.

* **ROUTE 806 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Weather permitting, the Route 806 (Rucker Road) bridge over Stony Fork is closed and is being replaced. Route 806 is closed to through traffic between its intersections with Route 801 (Stony Fork Road) and Route 793 (Watson Road). Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 PAVING AND GUARDRAIL WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place at various lane locations on northbound and southbound Route 220 between Fincastle and Iron Gate. Work will be performed during daylight hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is in August.

* **ROUTE 11 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, the Route 11 bridge over the James River will be patched. The bridge is located near Buchanan. Work may cause lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 11, Monday through Thursday, between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Botetourt County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures in the Eagle Rock, Buchanan, and Troutville areas.

* **GRADING** – Crews will be grading along Route 677 (Roy Road) and Route 712 (Stevens Farm Road). Drivers should watch for workers along the road. Flaggers may control traffic at times.

CARROLL COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Work is underway to rehabilitate a pair of I-77 bridges over Little Reed Island Creek at mile marker 13.7. In the months ahead, several traffic pattern changes are expected, especially during nighttime hours. The exact date of the changes may be adjusted as they are weather dependent. Signs will be in place on I-77 to alert motorists to these changes in traffic pattern. **On Tuesday, June 8**, a traffic change is planned for southbound I-77 between mile markers 13 and 14. Two lanes of traffic will be shifted to travel in the right lane and on the paved right shoulder of southbound I-77. The left lane and left shoulder of southbound I-77 will be closed. **On Sunday, June 13**, a similar traffic change is planned for northbound I-77 also between mile markers 13 and 14. The two lanes of northbound I-77 traffic will be shifted to travel in the right lane and on the paved right shoulder of northbound I-77. The left lane and left shoulder of northbound I-77 will be closed. The speed limit on northbound and southbound I-77 will be reduced to 55 mph in this work zone.

* **INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE WORK** – A nighttime right lane closure may be in place on northbound I-77 at mile marker 8.7 due to bridge repairs. Work is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 10.

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays. A new traffic pattern is in place on the eastern end of the Hillsville Bypass project. Traffic on the two-lane section of Route 58 is shifted onto a newly constructed 1,100-foot stretch of two-lane roadway. The new traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 starting 0.3 mile east of Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and extending to 0.1 mile east of Route 820 (Freemont Road).

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the eastbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

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* **ROUTE 221 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, a lane closure may be in place on Route 221 due to repairs to the bridge over Big Reed Island Creek. The bridge is located near the Route 672 (New Hope Road) intersection. Work will be performed during daylight hours beginning at 7 a.m. Estimate completion is mid-June.

* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch the Route 58 bridge over Crooked Creek and the Route 714 bridge over Reed Island Creek. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pavement patching on various secondary roads throughout Carroll County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Carroll County due to mowing.

CRAIG COUNTY

* **ROUTE 42 MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow along Route 42. Watch for workers along the road during daylight hours. Flaggers could control traffic at times.

FLOYD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 221 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, a lane closure may be in place on Route 221 due to repairs to the bridge over Greasy Creek in the Willis area. Work will be performed during daylight hours beginning at 7 a.m. Estimate completion is in June.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 610 (Huffville Road)
- Route 680 (Starbuck Road)
- Route 682 (Paradises Lane)
- Route 690 (Sandy Flatts Road)
- Route 720 (Fairview Church Road)
- Route 758 (Buffalo Mountain Road)
- Route 817 (Phlegar Hill Drive)

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 682 (Paradises Lane)
- Route 716 (Cox Store Road)

* **BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush or mow along various routes. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays on Route 642 (Locust Grove Road).

FRANKLIN COUNTY

* **ROUTE 40 SHOULDER PAVING** – Work to improve shoulders along Route 40 may cause shoulder and lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for workers along the road.

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* **ROUTE 116 MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow along Route 116. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 122 PAVEMENT REPAIRS** – Work to replace sections of pavement on Route 122 will begin with removing sections of asphalt. Drivers should watch for flaggers directing traffic and expect possible delays on Route 122.

* **LINE PAINTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will paint lines along Route 40 and Route 122. Work will be performed during daylight hours on weekdays. Drivers should expect mobile lane closures.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 608 (Fork Mountain Road) and Route 613 (Naff Road).

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Franklin County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures in Burnt Chimney, Snow Creek and Syndorsville area. Work is tentatively planned on the following roads:

- Route 646 (Truevine Road)
- Route 651 (Hatchett Road)
- Route 651 (Walker Road)
- Route 969 (Danville Turnpike)

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays.

GILES COUNTY

* **ROUTE 100 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Crews will be performing deck patching on the bridge over Walker Creek on Route 100. Flaggers may control traffic at times, Monday through Thursday, between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

* **ROUTE 460 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, temporary lane closures may be in place on eastbound and westbound Route 460 due to pothole patching. Watch for possible lane closures during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 460 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch two bridges on Route 460 bridges. The bridges cross the New River and the railroad tracks. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lane closures will be in place at times.

* **ROUTE 460 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch the westbound Route 460 bridge located about 0.5 mile from the West Virginia state line. Lane closures may be in place on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 635 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Crews have begun repairs on the bridge over Stoney Creek. The bridge is located about 0.5 mile north of Kimbleton Lime Plant. Crews will be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane across the bridge and controlled by signals. Estimated completion is July 2010.

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* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 601 (Laurel Springs Road)
- Route 613 (Mountain Lake Road)
- Route 628 (Olean Road)
- Route 654 (Springdale Road)
- Route 659 (Prospectdale Road)
- Route 755 (Nellies Lane)

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 613 (Doe Creek Road)
- Route 635 (Big Stoney Creek Road)
- Route 649 (Lurich Road)

* **BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush or mow along various routes. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays on Route 667 (White Pine Road).

HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for placing stone, installing guardrail and painting markings on the newly paved section of northbound and southbound Route 220 Business starting at its intersection with Route 58 and extending 3.4 miles to just south of Martinsville Speedway. This section of Route 220 Business is located south of Martinsville near the Cloverleaf shopping center. Work will be performed during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Motorists should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

* **ROUTE 174 TURN LANE INSTALLATION** – Left turn lanes are being installed on Route 174 (Kings Mountain Road) onto Plantation Road and onto Colonial Avenue. Work will cause daily lane closures, Monday through Friday, on Route 174 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch the Route 220 bridge over the railroad tracks, the Route 220 bridge over Route 1714 and the Route 668 bridge over Marrowbone Creek. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lane closures may be in place on Route 220, and flaggers may control traffic on Route 668 at times.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Henry County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **ROUTE 57 LINE PAINTING** – Weather permitting, crews will paint lines along Route 57. Work will be performed during daylight hours on weekdays. Drivers should expect mobile lane closures.

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*** ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

*** MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Henry County due to mowing.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

*** ROUTE 460 BYPASS LIGHTING REPAIR** – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above the Route 460 Bypass. Drivers should expect possible nighttime lane closures on weeknights on eastbound and westbound Route 460 Bypass.

*** BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch the Route 636 bridge over I-81, the Route 643 bridge over the Route 460 bypass and the Route 11 bridge over the South Fork of the Roanoke River. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lane closures may be in place on Route 11, and flaggers may control traffic on Route 636 and Route 643.

*** PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 600 (Piney Woods Road)
- Route 603 (Den Hill Road)
- Route 644 (Pollard Road)
- Route 648 (Bishop Road)
- Route 681 (Nellie's Cave Road)
- Route 787 (Indian Valley Road)
- Flanagan Road

*** ROUTE 669 DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 669 (Union Valley Road). Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

*** UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 609 (Boners Road)
- Route 616 (Dobbins Hollow Road)
- Route 621 (Craig Creek Road)

*** STREET SWEEPING** – Drivers should watch for flaggers controlling traffic along various streets during daytime hours on weekdays due to street sweeping.

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PATRICK COUNTY

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pavement patching on various secondary roads throughout Patrick County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Patrick County due to mowing.

* **ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

PULASKI COUNTY

* **ROUTE 640 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch the Route 640 bridge over Peak Creek. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for lane closures and flaggers.

* **ROUTE 626 PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on Route 626 (Hazel Hollow Road). Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays.

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